

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin contracts with the Texas Department of Public Safety, which contracts with OmniBase Services of Texas, to place holds on driver license renewals when individuals miss court or payments on Class C misdemeanors until the tickets are completely resolved; and

WHEREAS, individuals who are unable to renew their licenses due to the OmniBase program often become trapped in a cycle of debt when they must continue to drive in order to resolve their tickets and provide for their families, thereby risking more tickets and holds for driving without a valid license; and

WHEREAS, the OmniBase program is optional, and jurisdictions that choose not to participate have similar collection rates to those that do; and

WHEREAS, Austin’s OmniBase contract will not automatically renew this year and will require Council action to be renewed; and

WHEREAS, the OmniBase program is contrary to Austin’s goals of advancing economic mobility and fair administration of justice; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to not renew the contract with the Texas Department of Public Safety for the OmniBase program when it expires.

ADOPTED: _____, 2020 **ATTEST:** _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk